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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-entitled matter, Applicant hereby attaches U.S. Patent Office Form PTO-1449, including copies of the prior art references listed therein. A Tissue-Tek® Paraform® Cassette System described in the HistoLogic bulletin employs conventional paraffin blocks as opposed to a porous embedding medium such as agarose, as in the present claimed invention. The HistoGel literature simply describes properties and procedures for use of HistoGel, a type of agarose.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being made pursuant to the duty of disclosure imposed by law and formulated in 37 CFR 1.56(A). No representation is made that the information thus disclosed in fact constitutes prior art or that it is the closest prior art, inasmuch as 37 CFR 1.56(A) relies on a materiality concept which depends on subjectivity.

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